**Carson McCullers**

After you have completed a short biography of Carson McCullers, answer the following questions – type your responses directly into the spaces provided and email to me when completed.

1. The novel you are reading is *The Member of the Wedding*. Name four other novels written by McCullers.
2. Name two poems that McCullers also wrote.
3. What year did McCullers begin working on her first novel?
4. What year was *The Member of the Wedding* first published?
5. "Rarely has emotional turbulence been so delicately conveyed," said The New York Times of Carson McCullers's achingly real novel about Frankie Addams, a bored twelve-year-old madly jealous of her brother's impending marriage. What do you think of this statement?
6. McCullers’ father and Frankie’s father had something in common. What was this?
7. In what year was *The Member of the Wedding* adapted for the stage? Was it successful as a play?
8. “Most of McCullers' writing focuses on lonely, disconnected people who seek escape from their stifling, small town existences.”

How does this statement relate to *The Member of the Wedding?* Explain by giving an example from the novel (or film) – just in your own words, no need to quote at this stage.

1. “Much of McCullers' ability to describe poignant sadness and discontent probably derived from her own life suffering and unhappiness.”

Explain how McCullers’ life was one of “ … suffering and unhappiness.”

1. When is The Member of the Wedding set?